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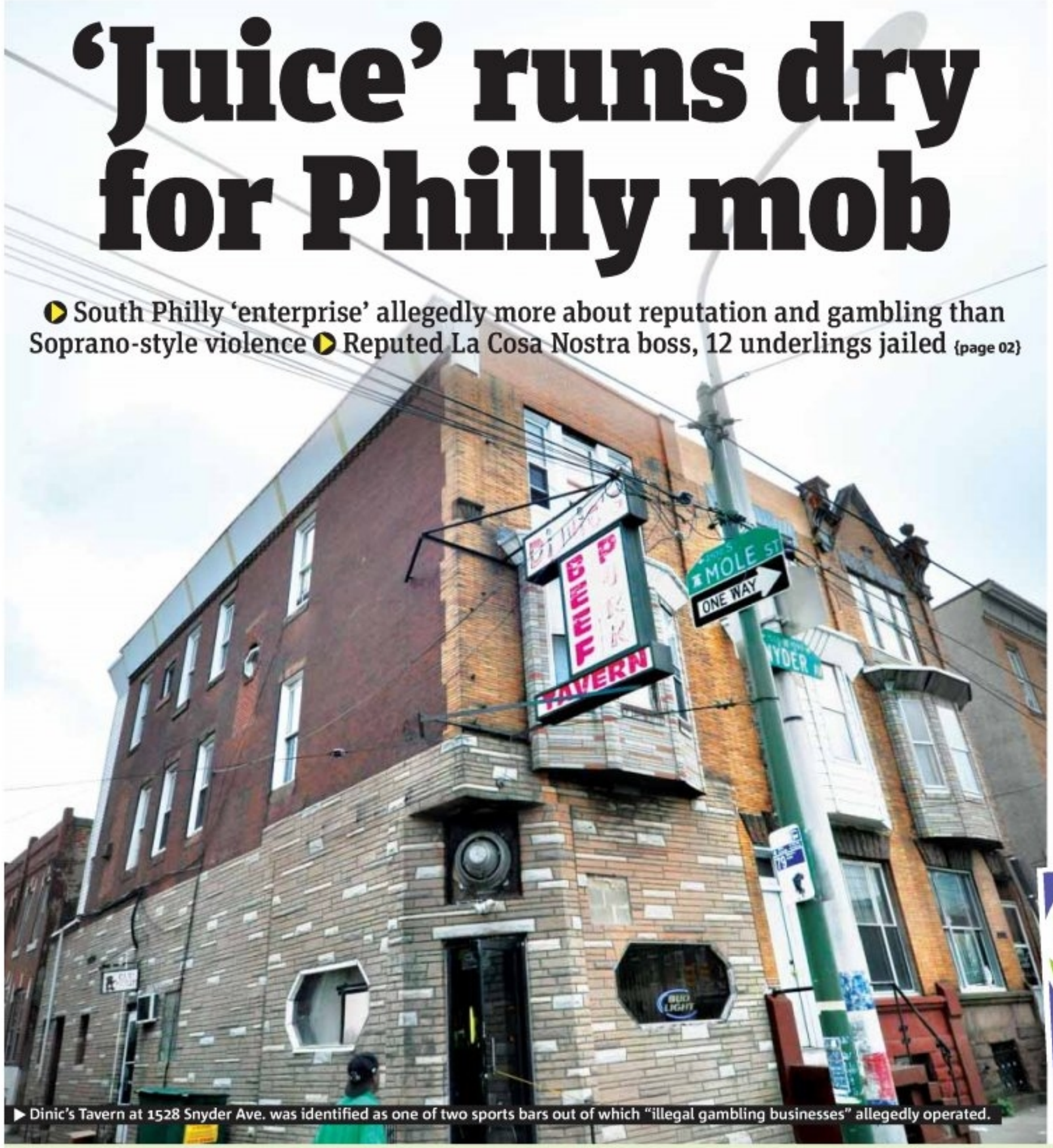
# 'Juice' runs dry for Philly mob

South Philly 'enterprise' allegedly more about reputation and gambling than Soprano-style violence Reputed La Cosa Nostra boss, 12 underlings jailed {page 02}

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▶ Dinic's Tavern at 1528 Snyder Ave. was identified as one of two sports bars out of which "illegal gambling businesses" allegedly operated.

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## Hendricks says yes, they're real

She also says if you've ever felt them you would know for sure {page 07}

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# No more making 'espresso' at bars

**Leaders of South Philly's alleged La Cosa Nostra charged in gambling ring Authorities say they used reputation, threats instead of violence**

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▶ The long arm of the federal law stretched across a room in the federal building on Market Street yesterday while announcing charges.

Federal authorities attempted to cut off the head of Philadelphia organized crime yesterday with a 50-count indictment unsealed against reputed mob boss Joseph Ligambi and 12 associates, charging them with racketeering, running an illegal video poker business, sports betting and loansharking.

Each of the defendants appeared in federal court yesterday. Prosecutors said they will ask that bail be denied for Ligambi and nine others, while three alleged members were released on bail.

The arrests were the latest in a string of busts along the East Coast targeting organized crime, including the arrest of 127 alleged mobsters in a four-state operation in January and charges against members of the New England La Cosa Nostra in March. Authorities called it the largest bust in a decade.

"We have pried loose La Cosa Nostra's grip on power and influence in the United States, but there is still work to be done," said Assistant Attorney General Lanny Breuer.

According to the indictment, Ligambi, underboss Joseph Massimino and others threatened violence, but did not actually use violence.

Instead they "relied upon the Philadelphia LCN Family's reputation for violence to enforce their illegal debts and in making these collection."

After the hearing, Ligambi's attorney Joseph Santaguida said that the case boiled down to people saying, "'Joe would be angry. He wants that money.' That's what it amounts to, not that Joe did anything."

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### What you got?

**When the judge asked Gaeton "The Big Guy" Lucibello whether he had enough money to obtain a lawyer, he estimated that his home was worth about $200,000 with about $90,000 owed. Since he and his ex-girlfriend own it together, and "I don't know how that works," the judge estimated that he had roughly $55,000 to work with for his defense.**

- **"What it's gonna cost me for a RICO case,** $55,000 ain't gonna cover it," said The Big Guy, so U.S. District Judge Paul Diamond granted him a court-appointed attorney.
- **Before he left the courtroom,** Lucibello, 58, wanted to make sure he was able to get his "bifocals" while incarcerated.

BRIAN HICKEY

## 'Laying in weeds'

Ligambi was first through the federal courthouse's side door. Sporting a white, collared short-sleeve Nike shirt and jeans, he look back at the gallery where his brother, nephew and others sat, briefly smiling, offering a laugh.

He was followed by Massimino and Marty Angelina, the once-considered potential underboss who served five and a half years after the last big mob trial a decade ago.

As for whether Ligambi would get bail on Thursday, his attorney Joseph Santaguida said that, "there's no violence, no drugs. He should get bail, but we'll see."

"They've been laying in the weeds since [2004]. They were holding it back waiting to get more [to charge him with]," he said. BRIAN HICKEY

**Quoted**

**"I wouldn't say he was good, given what he's been through. But he's determined to come out of this unbroken. He gave my dad a sense he wants to get on with his life."**

ALEX FATTAL, ABOUT A FIVE-MINUTE CONVERSATION HIS BROTHER JOSH, THE ELKINS PARK NATIVE IMPRISONED IN IRAN, HAD SUNDAY DURING A SURPRISE CALL HOME, JUST HIS THIRD IN 20 MONTHS.

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▶ Johnson

## Close call now over in 2nd District

The 2nd District City Council race may be over.

Or not. Yesterday, state Rep. Kenyatta Johnson was declared winner over realtor Barbara Capozzi by a mere 46 votes.

"If this campaign has taught us anything, it's that you have to fight for every vote and that every vote counts," Johnson said. "Moving ahead, we'll continue to focus on the issues that got us here: growing the Philadelphia economy, making our streets safer, improving our schools."

Just after 4:30 p.m., Capozzi issued a statement saying she was proud of the campaign "we ran against the machine. … I am considering all options in regards to next steps. It is in the city's best interests that residents of the 2nd District get the last say in who represents them."

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# ‘Hobby exemption’ for bloggers gets initial OK

- City Council trying to correct what became viral notoriety last year
- Bloggers went nuts over City Hall decision to demand business licenses

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Food blogging for fun isn’t really a job, is it?

After a brief hearing before City Council’s committee on finance yesterday, an amendment to what became known as the “blogger tax” passed with a favorable recommendation. City Councilman Bill Green’s push to “exempt people engaged in hobbies or other not-for-profit activity” will be up for first reading at City Council’s next meeting.

Last summer, some bloggers received notices from the Revenue Department indicating that they were required to pay $50 annually or $300 for a lifetime Business Privilege License. That was met with a viral outcry that “highlighted the ways in which our tax and licensing structure is overly burdensome and outdated,” Green said.

If the amendment passes, bloggers would have to certify they had “not taken deductions for such activity on [their] federal tax return.” The Revenue Department would craft those certification forms that would serve as “presumptive proof” of exemption, Green said.

Tilahun Afessa, the Revenue Department’s director of policy, planning and outreach, testified that he was concerned “small earners may claim the hobby exemption even when they are engaged in true business activity” and that it may “create unnecessary problems for taxpayers as well as for the department.” He was the lone witness.

“All we’re doing is shifting the burden of proof [of earnings less than $3,000] from the taxpayer to the Revenue Department,” said Green, noting that certification forms wouldn’t necessarily stop follow-up from the city if there were questions.

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## News in brief

▶ Butkovitz

### Job market improving?

**PHILADELPHIA.** College graduates in the city may be able to breathe a little easier this graduation season after a new report from the city controller’s office found a possible bright spot in the local job market: Online job postings were 28 percent higher than they were in April 2010.

Nineteen of 21 industries studied showed an increase in job postings in the Philadelphia area since last year. Life, physical and social sciences showed a 43 percent increase, the largest.

METRO/ALP

**By the numbers**

**13%**

Decrease in unemployment for 20- to 24-year-olds nationally in the past year.

### Father, son in similar crashes

**PENNSYLVANIA.** A father and son were part of a pair of motorcycle crashes just minutes apart Sunday outside Harrisburg.

The son, Anthony Cragles, 21, died after he lost control of his motorcycle and struck a bridge.

Minutes earlier, his father, Scott Cragles, was thrown from his motorcycle. METRO/ALP

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# Mile-wide tornado devastates Mo. town

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▶ Destroyed homes and debris cover the ground yesterday in Joplin, Mo.

A monster tornado nearly a mile wide killed at least 116 people in Joplin, Missouri ,when it tore through the heart of the small Midwestern city, ripping the roof off a hospital and destroying thousands of homes and businesses, local officials said yesterday.

U.S. weather officials said the tornado that hit at dinnertime on Sunday may have been the single deadliest in the country since 1953.

Rescue crews from throughout the region worked all night and battled a driving rain and thunder storm yesterday morning in the town of about 50,000 people, searching for anyone alive in the rubble.

More than 1,150 people were confirmed injured, many with massive internal injuries, officials said. The number of dead and injured was expected to climb as rescue workers dig through collapsed homes and businesses.

A number of bodies were found along the city's "restaurant row" on the main commercial street, and a local nursing home took a direct hit, Newton County Coroner Mark Bridges said.

At St. Johns Hospital in Joplin, 180 patients cowered as the fierce winds blew out windows and pulled off the roof. Others took refuge in restaurant coolers, huddled in closets or just ran for their lives.

Roaring along a path nearly six miles long, it flattened whole neighborhoods, splintered trees, flipped cars and trucks upside down and into each other. REUTERS

### Deadliest storms

**The Joplin tornado is the deadliest single twister since Worcester, Mass., in June 1953. These are the top five deadliest single tornadoes in U.S. history:**

- **March 18, 1925.** Missouri/Illinois/Indiana; 695 dead
- **May 6, 1840.** Natchez, Miss.; 317 dead
- **May 27, 1896.** St. Louis, Missouri; 255 dead
- **April 5, 1936.** Tupelo, Miss.; 216 dead
- **April 6, 1936.** Gainesville, Georgia; 203 dead

## Clementi's roomie: I'm not guilty

A student accused of secretly streaming online the sexual tryst his roommate who later committed suicide pleaded not guilty yesterday to hate crime charges. Dharun Ravi, 19, did not speak at his appearance in Middlesex, N.J., County Court, where he faces 15 charges including invasion of privacy, evidence tampering and bias intimidation. REUTERS

## Push for Prius to be top-seller

Toyota's goal of turning the Prius into its top-selling U.S. model gets its first test with a wagon version arriving late this year. The 2012 Prius v, a gasoline-electric model with more cargo space may account for as much as 20 percent of overall Prius sales. BLOOMBERG

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## New terror head aided journo slay

**ISLAMABAD.** Saif al-Adel, an Egyptian militant recently appointed interim leader of al Qaeda operations, has been linked to the killing of U.S. journalist Daniel Pearl in Pakistan in 2002, U.S. investigators reported.

A Wall Street Journal reporter, Pearl was kidnapped in Pakistan in January 2002 while researching a story on Islamist militants, and was later beheaded.

The findings by the Pearl Project revealed al-Adel had discussed Pearl's abduction with Khalid Sheikh Mohammad, the accused mastermind behind the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. **REUTERS**

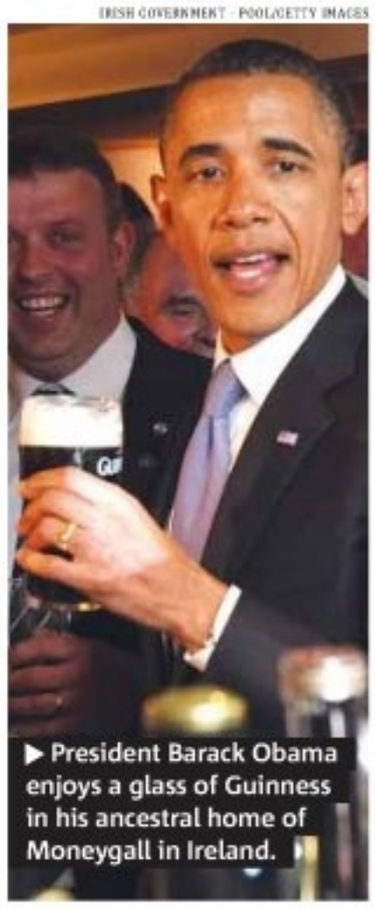
## Pawlenty enters race

**WASHINGTON.** Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty sought to present himself as a Republican presidential candidate willing to take unpopular stands as he entered the 2012 race yesterday in Iowa.

Along with an assault on Obama's economic policies, priorities and leadership, Pawlenty said it was a "time for truth" in U.S. politics and called for shared sacrifice by all to help balance the federal budget.

Pawlenty, 50, promised tough talk in appearances later this week; in Florida, he said he'll argue that federal entitlement programs such as Social Security and Medicare are "on an unsustainable path and that inaction is no longer an option." **BLOOMBERG**

# Lovely day for a Guinness: Obama explores his roots



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▶ President Barack Obama enjoys a glass of Guinness in his ancestral home of Moneygall in Ireland.

### ◐ Clear of 'birther' accusations, US president enjoys a tour of his ancestry in Ireland ◐ Good for 2012 hopes?

President Barack Obama sipped a pint of stout and cuddled babies yesterday as a tiny Irish village welcomed home "a long lost cousin" with an outpouring of affection.

Hoisting a glass of Guinness at Ollie Hayes pub as fiddle music played, Obama thus began a four-nation tour of Europe with a celebration of his ancestral roots. Roars of delight from thousands of rain-lashed people lining the street greeted the president and his wife, Michelle, as their motorcade pulled to a stop in Moneygall.

The sleepy village of 300 was the birthplace of Obama's great-great-great grandfather, Falmouth Kearney, a shoemaker who left in 1850 to begin a new life in the United States.

**Quick exit**

**U.S. President Barack Obama planned to depart Ireland early for London last night to avoid the effects of an ash cloud from a volcano in Iceland, a White House official said.**

This makes Obama, the son of a Kenyan father and Irish-American mother, one of 37 million Americans who claim Irish ancestry — and he was greeted like a long-lost son. The powerful images could help his 2012 re-election campaign.

For Ireland, Obama's arrival and the visit of Britain's Queen Elizabeth last week are a welcome distraction from the global attention paid to the country's financial woes.

Obama will also visit Britain, France and Poland on a week-long trip in which he will discuss such issues as Afghanistan and Pakistan after the killing of Osama bin Laden, the world economy and the "Arab spring" uprisings.

Moneygall is capitalizing on its famous connection, selling everything from Barack Obama fridge magnets to Barack Obama plastic lighters. **REUTERS**

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# THE WORD

Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

*– Dorothy Robinson will return soon.*

## Thank you, Christina Hendricks!

Here at Metro, we'll take just about any excuse to run a picture of **Christina Hendricks**. Now that "Mad Men" is on hiatus, it's admittedly a little more rare, but don't think we're not scouring the gossip sites, waiting for her to say something mundane about married life that we can dress up with a couple jokes, slap a headline on, and then get back to online shopping while the photo does the real work.

But today? Today, Hendricks has smiled upon the gossip world with this little gem in the Daily Mail: "It's so bizarre that people are constantly asking if my breasts are real or fake," she tells the British paper. "They're so obviously real that anyone who's ever seen or touched a breast would know."

Anyone still reading? Anyone? Exactly. If you need me, I'll be cleaning out Anthropologie's sale section.

Christina Hendricks

## Enough, William and Kate

Now that they're back from honeymooning, it was revealed that **William** and **Kate** were kicking back in the Seychelles. They picked the island nation because of its many nature reserves, according to a government rep: "They saw a turtle nest hatching. Not many people get the timing right to be able to see the eggs hatch and the little turtles swim out into the sea," the rep tells UsMagazine.com.

You know what else most people don't get to experience? A royal wedding. Way to rub it in, guys. We can't wait to hear about the unicorn that delivers your mail every dewy morning.

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DOROTHY ROBINSON'S WORD BLOG

**Billboard Music Awards.** Ke$ha.

▶ It's a long story.

## Our Ke$ha crush explained

**Something about Ke$ha is pretty irresistible. But it's definitely not her mediocre, booze-soaked party anthems. Or her glittery war paint. Or the unfortunate dollar sign. It's probably not the way she smells, either. So what is it? We can only offer this photo of her performance at Sunday night's Billboard Music Awards.**

## How do you really feel, Zach?

In other "Mad Men" news, **Zach Galifianakis** is no **January Jones** fan. It seems they met once, and didn't quite hit it off: "It was crazy," the actor tells Shortlist.com. "I was at a party, I'd never met her — and she was like, 'Come sit down.' So I sit at her table and talk for 10 minutes, and she goes, 'I think it's time for you to leave now.'" More and more, we know where her frosty Betty Draper inspiration comes from.

## Talking points

## Arnold would have to pay

If **Maria Shriver** decides to divorce **Arnold Schwarzenegger** after revelations of his fathering a child with a former household employee triggered the couple's separation, it could prove to be one of the costliest settlements in recent history, trumping even **Tiger Woods**' $110 million payout, according to Page Six. Given the former California governor's estimated worth, Shriver could walk away with more than $200 million, despite a prenup sources believe the couple signed. Neither Shriver nor Schwarzenegger have filed for divorce yet.

PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

▶ Schwarzenegger

▶ Kutcher

## Kutcher won't get comfy

While executives at "Two and a Half Men" are happy to have **Ashton Kutcher** stepping into **Charlie Sheen**'s shoes, they apparently don't expect to keep him long. According to the Wall Street Journal, Kutcher's contract for the hit sitcom only covers one year, while the show itself was renewed for two more seasons. Kutcher will be earning an estimated $750,000 an episode, according to the newspaper.

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**The feed ...**

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, Katy Perry is really digging Japan, Justin Bieber is pleased with the Billboard Music Awards results and Conan O'Brien loves a good challenge.

▶ **@katyperry**
I think I'm turning Japanese, I think I'm turning japanese... I really think so. I love u Japan, I really do.

▶ **@justinbieber**
for once waking up because of jet lag is great....because i just found out we won 6 AWARDS 2nite!! I THOUGHT IT WAS 3!!! CRAZY!!

▶ **@ConanOBrien**
I'm not a competitive eater unless someone orders French fries "for the table."

Justin Bieber

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# For those about to write, AC/DC's Brian Johnson salutes you

**The rocker talks about writing his own memoir ◗ No ghostwriters on this book, says the British singer**

Brian Johnson actually wrote the book, "Rockers and Rollers."

Not only does this mean that the AC/DC singer didn't have a ghostwriter, as many musicians who put out memoirs do, but Johnson put actual pen to paper.

"I just had a legal pad and a pen," he says, his cheery speaking voice sounding more like a storyteller who draws you in with a whisper at a pub than the high-pitched scream that has belted out some of the hardest hits to ever rock arenas.

Johnson says he began the book when AC/DC were working on their most recent album.

"As a vocalist, when you go into the studio, you usually hang around for a couple of weeks until they get the sound right on the guitars and the drums," he says. "There's a lot of time doing nothing, so I just started putting these things down."

Johnson's book is not the typical rock 'n' roll story of a small-town kid made good. He tells his tale via the cars in his life.

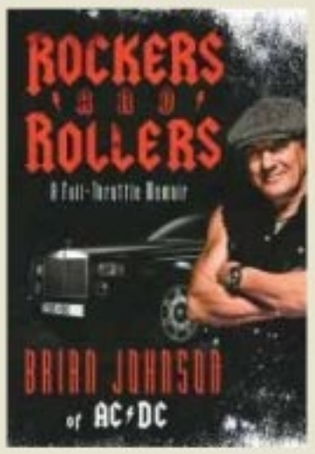
"My memory is so bad that the only time I remembered things was when I thought of motor cars," he says.

### Back in the ring

The writing of "Rockers and Rollers" is not unlike an AC/DC song. It's humorous, it's fun and it's to the point.

"If there was a category you could put it in, it'd be toilet book," laughs Johnson, "because you can pick it up anytime you like and read a chapter, and when you finish your business, go away and pick it up another time."

### Johnson's jargon




**Here are a few of our favorite expressions from "Rockers and Rollers":**

- "Rarer than rocking horse s—"
- "Shaggin' a lassie down the street and anywhere else he could get his hands on her."
- "The first time I tasted meat was when I bit my tongue."

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▶ Johnson says he has 10 cars now, but only three of his trademark caps.

## TV watch list

ABC

▶ Now this is "Dancing"!

### 'Dancing With the Stars'

**REALITY.** The Black Eyed Peas and the Go-Gos perform on the 12th season finale. We're torn: Do we want Kirstie Alley to win, or do we want her to wrestle the trophy off Disney prom queen Chelsea Kane?
**Season finale, 9 p.m., ABC**

### 'American Idol'

**REALITY.** Tonight is round one of the two-part Season 10 finale. Which is exactly why we have no idea who is singing, judging or watching this competition anymore.
**8 p.m., FOX**

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# Shaping future faces of Philly

- Spa owner noticing new trends in cosmetic treatments
- Sees increase in smaller procedures, less in surgeries

When it comes to cosmetic procedures in Philadelphia, patients are increasingly younger and more likely to be male.

"As in most places, the number of men coming in for cosmetic procedures is increasing," said Dr. Seema Patel of Shanti Medical Spa, which has locations in Rittenhouse Square and Ardmore. "We probably do laser hair removal for men most often, especially back hair."

Dr. Patel, whose spa offers facial peels, injectables and a variety of laser treatments for everything from acne to cellulite, is also seeing younger patients who choose small preventative procedures over drastic corrections later in life. "They see their moms or colleagues and think, 'I don't want this to happen and if I do a little now, I'll save money later.'"

The economic downturn may have contributed to this mindset. "It's a national trend," Dr. Patel said. "More services are being done and less surgeries are being done. There are a lot of people who want to do surgery and simply can't afford it or can't have the downtime because they'll lose their jobs."

"But the injectable market is still good because people are like, "At least I can get a little Botox and filler and feel a little better.'"

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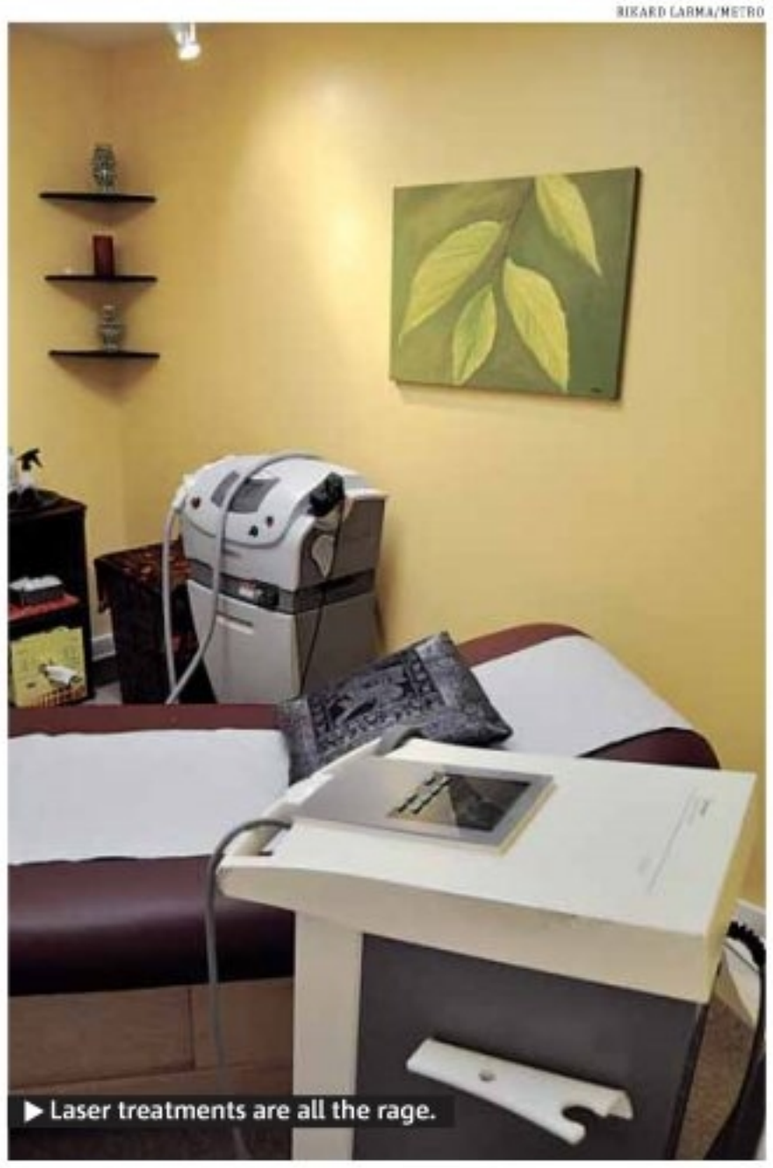

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# Picking Botox over preventive care

**After down years in '08 and '09, procedures again on rise Botox injections 'one of life's little luxuries'**

Americans are starting to see the doctor again, but more often for cosmetic procedures, such as Botox treatments, rather than cancer screening and other potentially life-saving preventive care.

Health care company executives attending the Reuters Health Summit earlier this month painted a sobering picture of health care use among U.S. patients who are still struggling to afford medical care.

While the jobless rate remains high, many are still postponing treatment, and that is not likely to change near term, they said.

But when it comes to smoothing out wrinkled brows, the market is rebounding, according to David Pyott, chief executive of Botox maker Allergan.

"Happily, for all of the facial aesthetics and even breast aesthetics markets, we are now at a place that we are beyond the peak pre-recession," he told the Reuters Summit.

He said demand for cosmetic procedures hit bottom in the spring of 2009 in the wake of a global financial crisis. Now sales of Allergan's dermal fillers are 20 percent above pre-recession peaks.

Pyott said the Botox revival was being fueled not just by the super-rich, but by consumers with an annual household income of at least $50,000.

"It's correlated with people's confidence about the future, maybe how much money they have got on their credit card at the time," Pyott added.

He compared a $400 Botox injection or an $800 wrinkle filler procedure to treating the family to a baseball game or fancy dinner, calling it "one of life's little luxuries." REUTERS

## Modest increases

The incoming CEO of Covidien, a maker of surgical instruments and other medical devices, said he has seen a modest increase in procedures, and even some elective procedures in recent months, which is a promising sign.

"We have seen signs of recovery in a couple of the elective areas, one being bariatrics and the other one being thoracic," said Jose "Joe" Almeida, who currently runs the company's medical device division.

He was referring to procedures like gastric bypass surgery.

**By the numbers**

**13.1M**

Number of cosmetic surgery procedures done in 2010, according to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons in their annual report

**3%**

Decline in plastic surgery in 2008 and 2009, which industry observers blamed on the economic crisis

**296K**

Breast augmentation surgeries, in 2010, which made it the most popular cosmetic surgery

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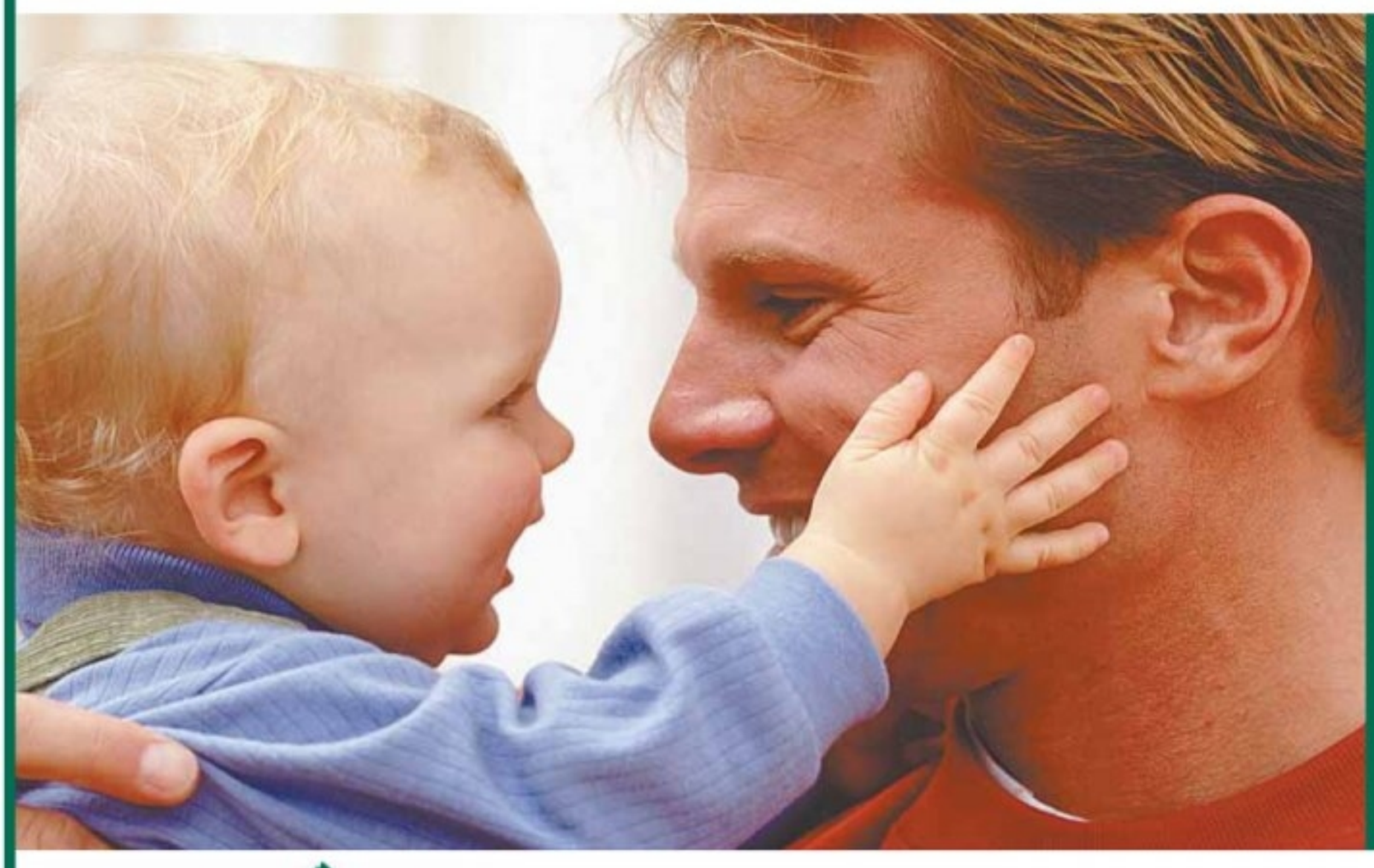

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### Godwin's law applies here

**RE: "DON'T DROP THE 'H' BOMB":** To Nikki Wells: There is nothing "inappropriate or ignorant" in referencing Hitler's techniques. What is inappropriate and ignorant is treating Hitler as though his powers of manipulation were supernatural and unrepeatable. If we continue to pretend that we are somehow less susceptible to his methods than the Germans of the 1930s and '40s were, we will surely find ourselves repeating history sooner or later. **CHRISTOPHER STANSFIELD, VIA E-MAIL**

### On Israel and Pres. Obama

**RE: "OBAMA OPENS HIS BIG MOUTH":** Perhaps Mr. Abramsky could explain what he found so upsetting about President Obama's speech, in which he simply recommitted to the same set of goals as expressed by both former Presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton? Or was he watching some other speech given by some other politician? **JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL**

President Obama calling for Israel to consider returning to pre-1967 borders as a basis for negotiations with Palestinians made no sense. Even worse is Rep. Ackerman, who categorized Obama's comments as "a strongly pro-Israel speech that the savvy pro-Israel community would appreciate." Many other politicians who support Israel disassociated themselves from Obama's remarks. Both Obama and Ackerman are throwing Israel, one of our most reliable allies, under the bus by proposing undefendable potential borders. **LARRY PENNER, VIA E-MAIL**

It was so frustrating to hear Obama's appeasing speech at AIPAC (this weekend)! The Palestinians should demand that another country — say China or the Scandinavian nations — become the mediators in the peace process. Clearly our interests and stronger friendship lies with Israel. Even mentioning 1967 borders caused such a stir that he had to reiterate to AIPAC that our friendship with Israel is stronger than ever. **MAYSOON DAYOUB, DREXEL HILL**

### Zero tolerance on Gaga issue

**RE: "BORN THIS WAY":** Last week I picked up what I thought was a newspaper only to discover that it had been turned over to a pop star for the day to promote her career. I will not make the mistake again. I will no longer be reading your publication. **SHANNON HUMPHREYS, VIA E-MAIL**

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## Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** View things realistically instead of trying to prove to everyone that conditions are better than they appear. Being objective will save you trouble.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If your curiosity gets totally out of hand, you will be construed as nosy, not concerned. There are certain things people want to keep to themselves.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Limit your shopping to essential items that you can't do without. If this is not a good time to be lavish and/or go into debt, place a lid on your spending. You'll suffer later if you don't.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Forgo wasting your time jousting with windmills or chasing waterfalls. It behooves you to make a list of meaningful goals and focus on achieving them. Don't let fun and games throw you off course.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Be careful with whom you match tall tales. You could end up looking and feeling rather foolish if you attempt to go up against someone who is experienced at telling whoppers.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** It's a mistake to depend on backup people when it comes to business matters, especially if what they do or don't do influences whether or not you finish in the black.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If you're not careful, you could inadvertently let someone who does not have your best interests at heart step in and call the shots. They aren't likely to be in your favor.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** It's never a good idea to criticize someone who isn't present to mount a defense. You can bet that what you say will be repeated in a far more disparaging way than you intended.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Unless you are extremely careful about handling your resources, it could have a far more deleterious effect on your affairs than you ever considered.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** No one will be inspired to follow your lead unless you first set a good example. Demanding people do as you say will only make them more defiant.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** It's not the norm for you, yet some negative thinking could take precedence over your more positive thoughts. Don't let self-doubts distort the truth.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Be careful not to take a situation that you're managing for another too lightly. Strive to live up to the faith someone has placed in you.
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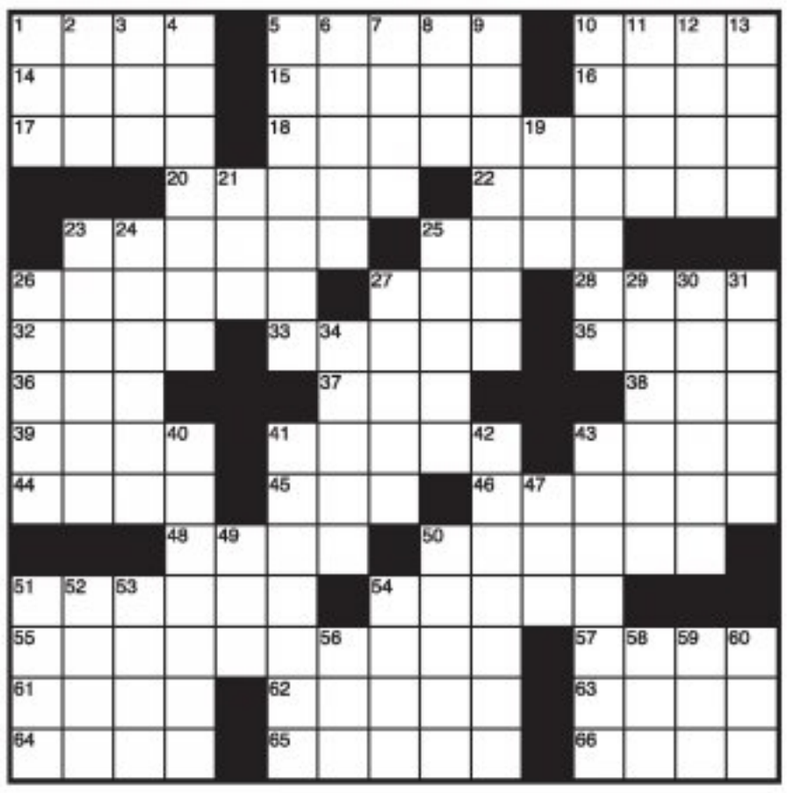

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Opinion

**ANGELO CATALDI**
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# SLUMP SPILLS OVER TO PHILS FRONT OFFICE

**Charlie Manuel made a bold statement — without a word. He chose Cliff Lee to pinch-hit in a 7-1 loss. Manuel's feelings would have been no more obvious if he had announced: "Ruben Amaro is doing a lousy job."**

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Since the signing of Lee, Amaro has bungled his way through five empty months, doing nothing to fortify his inept offense or his barren bench. Instead, the GM has spent most of his time hiding injuries or shamelessly twisting the truth about them.

In the hours after Manuel's loud message — the manager even skipped a better pitcher-hitter, Cole Hamels, to make his point — he met behind closed doors with Amaro in what must have been a fascinating exchange. By the next day, Amaro's face was a deeper red than a Phillies cap, as he promoted Dom Brown, whom the GM had proclaimed "not ready" hours earlier.

The about-face on Brown was the latest in a stunning sequence of stumbles by a GM who spent the first two years assembling one of the greatest rotations in history.

It all began with the insulting announcement that Chase Utley was suffering from "general soreness" at the beginning of spring training, an affliction that required three months of careful rehab before his return last night. Then Amaro proclaimed that closer Brad Lidge would miss three to six weeks with an arm injury, a prognosis that drew a mocking laugh from Lidge. The pitcher is in the eighth week of those three-to-six weeks, with another three to go.

Roy Oswalt was allowed to leave the team for eight days so that he could move trees after a tornado hit his neighborhood in Mississippi. When the $16-million dollar pitcher returned, so had Oswalt's recent back problems. Amaro said the heavy lifting "probably didn't help." Then why allow it?

What finally set Manuel off were the screw-ups involving Joe Blanton and Shane Victorino. Blanton pitched — unimpressively — for two weeks with a "cranky" elbow before he shut himself down. Victorino waited four days for an MRI after pulling his hamstring, and he even pinch-hit once before the scope of his problem was revealed.

**Quoted**
**"Amaro's face was a deeper red than a Phillies cap."**

Because Amaro and his staff had misread those injuries, Manuel was left with a 23-man roster for the game with Colorado. The GM didn't even see fit to bring up an extra hitter in case the MRI showed significant damage.

The Phillies are still in first place, and will finish there. Great pitching covers up a multitude of sins. But great pitching cannot obscure this simple truth: Ruben Amaro is in a bigger slump right now than his hitters.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is host of 610 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.*

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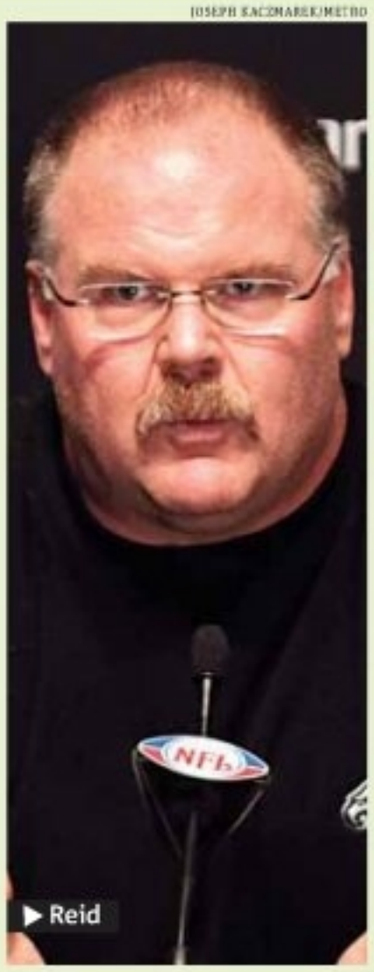

▶ Reid

## Big Red's 'schtick'

Andy Reid made me laugh last week. The coach famous for saying nothing snapped off a one-liner that had me slapping my knees.

What he said, in a published conversation with former governor Ed Rendell, was: "I understand talk radio and the schtick that those guys have." Well, I've been in talk radio for a quarter-century, and I can say without hesitation that no sports figure has understood less about talk radio or the fans that we represent.

If Reid truly considers it "schtick," why does his management call my bosses every time they hear anything that doesn't mesh with their own delusions? If it's all schtick, why has Reid refused to appear on my show for two years? Why has the team blocked its players from appearing?

The highlight came when the former governor asked if he had any regrets about singling out David Akers for blame while the kicker's daughter was in a life-threatening medical crisis. Reid said he couldn't recall what he said. Read that again, please. Reid couldn't remember what he said four months ago.

On the other hand, at least Reid is using his time well during the lockout, mastering his understanding of talk radio. Now maybe he can turn to far greater challenges — like how to run the football or when to use timeouts.

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▶ Amaro is doing a lousy job right now.

## City media lobbing softballs

In a city that demands the truth so fervently, it is a source of constant amazement to me how few media outlets and reporters deliver it. Never before have we had so many TV talking parrots and ink-stained flaks in Philly.

And that's why when someone takes the trouble — and criticism — by doing it right, he stands tall in this field of dwarves. A case in point is Phillies radio color commentator Larry Andersen.

Last week, when Jimmy Rollins again failed to run hard on a pop-up, barely making it to first base when it was dropped, Andersen said: "At least he made it to first this time. He jogged all the way." On TV, Chris Wheeler did what he's been doing for 34 years, hiding the truth to protect a player.

Andersen is the best broadcast friend the fans have these days, by a wide margin. His opinions on the umpires are a nightly treat, especially when the men in blue are bad. Last week, he actually said: "Do you think they're even watching the game?"

The easiest thing for sports media people to do is to preach the company line, to curry the favor of teams bent on managing the message. Check out the cheerleading crew at Channel 6, or the growing number of soft reporters at Comcast SportsNet. They may as well wear the team's jerseys when they file their reports.

## Idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

**1 Pack another one into the asylum.** The Eagles' halfway house could soon have a new resident. The Birds are at the top of the list to sign former Giants wide receiver Plaxico Burress, who is scheduled to be released from prison on June 6. How long before the Eagles switch to striped jerseys?

**2 America's fallen heroes.** Add Lance Armstrong to the list of frauds masquerading as American heroes. The sad part is not that, according to teammates, he used performance-enhancing drugs — and then lied about it. No, the sad part is that we are no longer the least bit surprised.

**3 Hopkins has the heart of a champion.** Say what you want about Bernard Hopkins, the man proved again that he is a true champion. Yes, his constant diatribes about Donovan McNabb have become shrill, but there is truth in them. Hopkins has the heart of a winner. McNabb does not.

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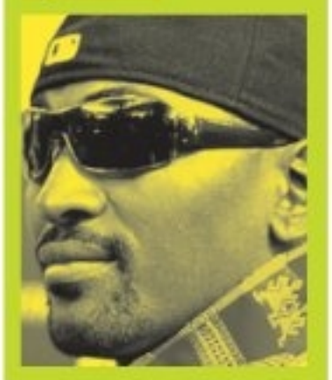

**"I think they're going to learn from the NFL lockout. America isn't America without sports. You wouldn't want to be the guy who messed up sports."**

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**Phils 10, Reds 3**

**The Phillies' offense woke up in a big way last night.**

- **Homer heaven**
  Three Phillies homered — Raul Ibanez, Jimmy Rollins, Placido Polanco — in the first four innings.
- **It's been awhile**
  Those 10 runs were the most by the Phils since a 10-3 win on April 29.
- **Spinning records**
  Largest crowd for regular season game (45,841) came to welcome Utley back.

# Phillies GM: Don't expect a savior

## Utley returns to Phillies lineup ◐ All-Star 0-for-5, but team scores 10 runs ◐ Receives standing ovation

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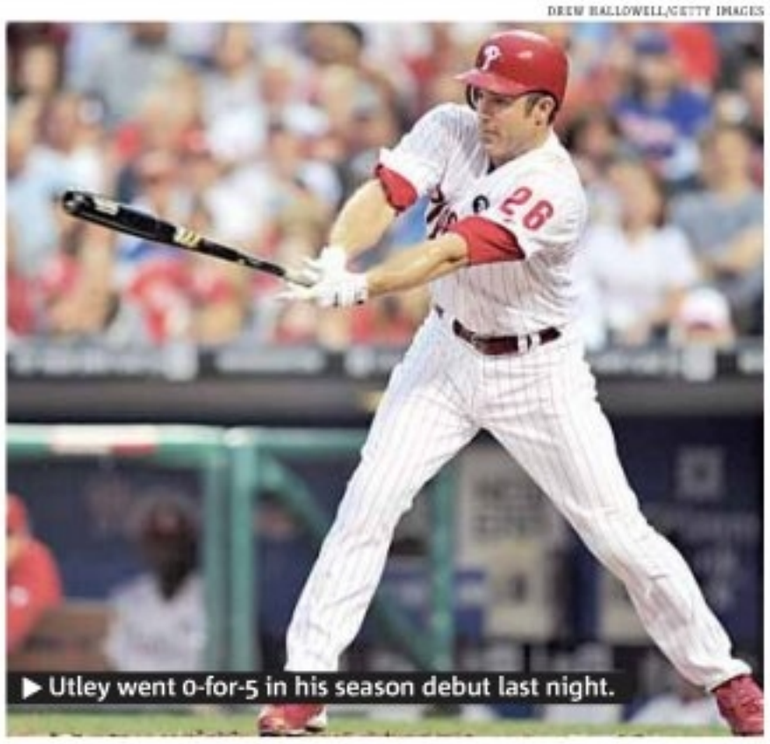

▶ Utley went 0-for-5 in his season debut last night.

Chase Utley walks to the plate a little faster than everyone else. The quiet leader of the Phillies continues to stride to the dish with palpable bad intent.

Utley, who returned to the lineup last night after missing the first 46 games due to patellar tendinitis in his right knee, can still hit the ball hard. After a minutelong standing ovation, Utley (0-for-5) drilled a shot right at Reds center fielder Drew Stubbs.

The Phillies hope the All-Star can jump-start a struggling offense, which pounded out 14 hits for 10 runs against the Reds.

"It won't hurt having Chase Utley out there," Charlie Manuel said.

But how much will Utley's knee hurt?

"We'll continue to monitor it daily," Utley said. "If there's discomfort, maybe I'll take the day off."

It's obvious that Utley is thrilled to be back.

"You know that I enjoy playing," Utley said. "It was disappointing and frustrating not being able to help."

Utley, who batted in the two-hole, will have the chance to spark an offense that — prior to yesterday — had scored three runs or less in its last nine games.

But GM Ruben Amaro cautioned fans from expecting Ruthian outpourings every night.

"I'm glad to have Chase back on the field," Amaro said. "But he's not going to be a savior."

As for Utley, he just wants to be a cog in the wheel of a team with great expectations.

"It's not all about me," Utley said. "It's not all about Ryan [Howard]. It's about all of us together collectively going out there every day trying to win."

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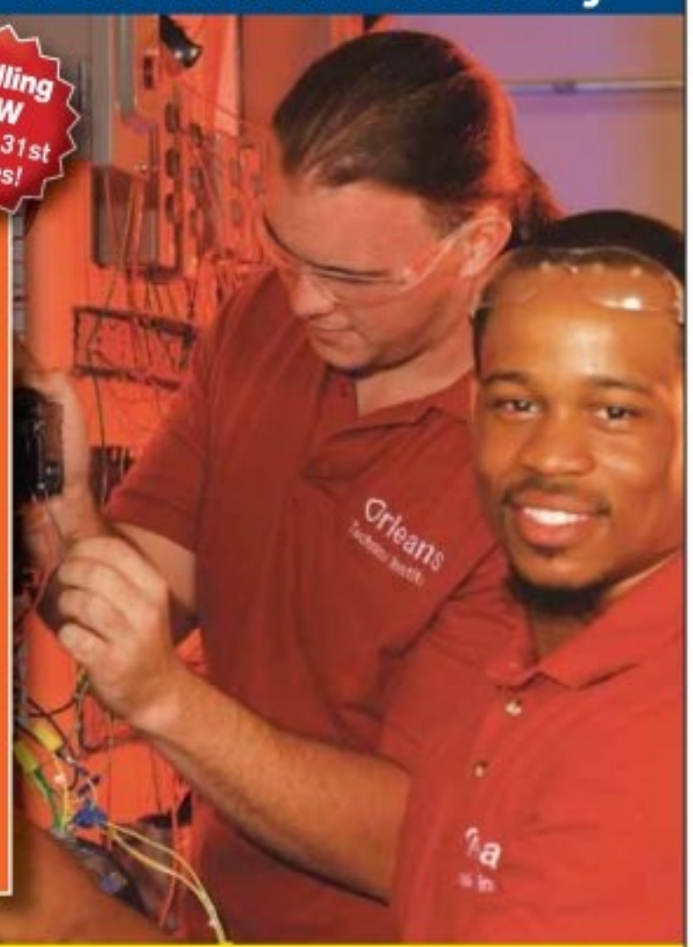

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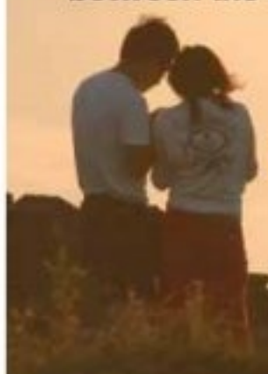

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Ferran Adria, pioneer of molecular gastronomy, featured at his hard-to-book El Bulli (now closed), opened Tickets with his brother Albert. The menu has the kind of food that suits such creative chefs.

▶ Albert Adria prepares tapas at Tickets, his new restaurant in Barcelona.

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"There is a lot more freedom when creating tapas, both in structure and form," says Albert.

Plan ahead if you want to sample his nouveau tapas, however — Tickets is booked until June. Visit www.ticketsbar.es to get a reservation.

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**Local flavor**

**Live for olives**

Spain is the perfect place for olive lovers; the country is the biggest virgin olive oil producer in the world. The best places to sample olives and olive oil are Andalusia and Catalonia.

**Spanish specialties**

**Cured meats**
Cured ham is a rural specialty and there are lots of types to try. Cured "jamon" from Iberian pigs, for example, has levels of appellation according to how exclusively acorn-fed the pigs are and how long the ham is cured.

**Paella**
Paella is probably the most well-known Spanish dish, cooked in a huge, specially made dish. We suggest one made with good quality rice from Valencia, with cubes of chicken and rabbit as well as beans and flavored with paprika and saffron.

▶ Paella

**Churros**
The Spanish aren't wild about desserts, but that's not to say that they don't have a sweet tooth. Churros are a lightly fried sweet dough fritter.

**Seafood 'a la plancha'**
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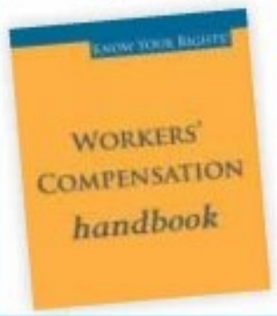


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